



Lemur Love





About Dr. Marni

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- Lemur scientist and Lemur Love founder/director
- Pet “mom” and life-long animal enthusiast
- Tacos!



Mission

Protect Lemurs.
Empower Women.
Further Science.



Why lemurs?

Lemurs

- Are a diverse group of primates found only on the island of Madagascar
- Are the most endangered group of mammals (<96% species listed by CITES)
- Play important regenerative roles in their forest homes
- Are female dominant(!)



Why women?

- Gender equality is necessary for sustainable development
- Female autonomy is necessary for biodiversity conservation
- Madagascar's traditional society is patriarchal



Why science?

Empirical evidence is necessary for documenting and understanding change

We can measure effectiveness and make evidence-based decisions



Programs

Forest

Rural

Urban





Forest

Tsimanampesotse National Park

How can we protect the forest?



Rural

How would rural women like to improve their lives?



Urban

How can we best support the future conservationists?

Dina Felantsoa

“ I am a **mom, teacher, scientist and also a PhD student** at the University of Antananarivo. My research talks about a **long term impact of ecotourism and scientific tourism on the behavior of the lemur Indri indri or babakoto in malagasy.**

I am glad as the fellowship program has enabled me to **meet scientists who are willing to share their experience and knowledge**, which has **boosted my confidence** in writing scientific articles as well as practicing my English. My next objective is to use the knowledge I have gained from this program to **write two scientific articles** and to **participate in international scientific meetings.**



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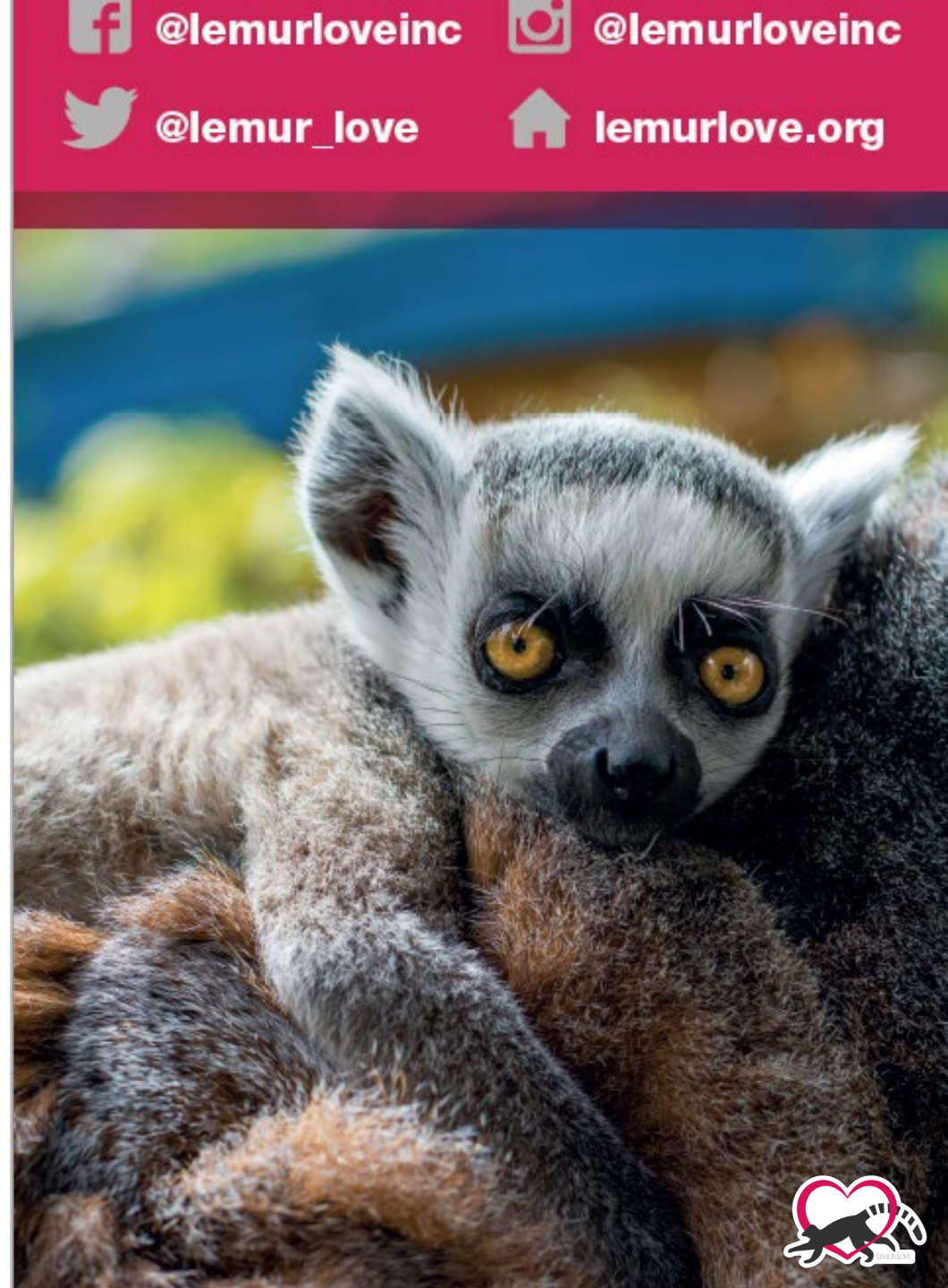


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